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TAGS: PFOR, EG, UR
SUBJECT: NEGOTIATIONS ON VENUE FAHMY/GROMYKO MEETING

REF: CAIRO 8985

1. CAIRO DAILY AKHBAR MAY 31 HAS EXCLUSIVE UPDATE OF STATUS
USSR/GOE DISPUTE ON WHERE FAHMY AND GROMYKO SHOULD MEET JUNE
9 AND 10. ON MAY 29, SADAT HAD TOLD PRESS CONFERENCE THAT MEETING
MIGHT NOW NOT OCCUR SINCE SOVIETS INSISTING ON MOSCOW
VENUE (CAIRO 8985).

2. TWO MEETINGS IN 12 HOURS. ACCORDING AKHBAR, SOVIET AMBASSADOR
POLYAKOV REQUESTED URGENT MEETING WITH FAHMY MAY 30
(AFTER SADAT PRESS CONFERENCE). FAHMY RECEIVED HIM AT
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2300 MAY 30 AND WAS HANDED MESSAGE FROM GROMYKO. SOME
HOURS LATER, 9099 MAY 31, POLYAKOV REPORTEDLY ASKED
AGAIN FOR SECOND URGENT MEETING AND WAS RECEIVED
AT 1100. ACCORDING TO AKHBAR, ON SECOND OCCASION
POLYAKOV DELIVERED MESSAGE FROM "SOVIET LEADERSHIP" TO
PRESIDENT SADAT WHICH INCLUDED REVIEW OF RECENT
VANCE/GROMYKO DISCUSSION ON ME. IN OBVIOUSLY

GOE-INSPIRED COMMENT, NEWSPAPER OBSERVES THAT THIS SOVIET MESSAGE SIGNIFIES DIPLOMATIC EXPRESSION BY USSR OF COMMITMENT TO CONSULT WITH EGYPT ON ME MATTERS.

3. WHY MOSCOW? AGAIN ACCORDING TO PRESS, REASON FOR SOVIET WISH TO HOLD MEETING IN MOSCOW IS TO INSURE ENCOUNTERS OCCUR "NEAR SOVIET LEADERSHIP" BECAUSE "TALKS MAY REQUIRE THE SEEKING OF THE OPINIO OF THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP."

4. TWO MEETINGS? "DIPLOMATIC SOURCES" (E.E., FAHMY OR HIS STAFF) ARE QUOTED AS SAYING THERE IS PROPOSAL TO OVERCOME PRESENT STAND-OFF BY SCHEDULING TWO MEETINGS, FIRST IN MOSCOW JUNE 9-10 AND SUBSEQUENTLY IN CAIRO.

5. COMMENT: MENTION OF TWO STAGE MEETING SUGGESTS GOE CONSIDERING CAVING IN. SECOND MEETING IN CAIRO WOULD BE EGYPTIAN FACE-SAVER.
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